

1 CHRONICLES 11-16

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

WEEK IN REVIEW

This section begins with David being anointed as King of Israel. After years of waiting patiently on the Lord, David's time has come. The Lord said to David, " 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.' " David was formerly a shepherd who took care of his flocks of sheep, but now he was a shepherd over the people of Israel. It tells us that David grew more powerful and that the **Lord of Armies** was with him. The Lord of Armies is a name used for God meaning that He is the commander of all heavenly armies (angels) and the ruler over all powers.

One of the key stories is about the movement of something called the **Ark of the Covenant** to Jerusalem so that God could be put back in His rightful place. The Ark of the Covenant is a special place that represents God's presence. They set the Ark on a new cart and rejoiced before the Lord with worship and sacrifices. The oxen that are pulling the cart stumble, and a man named Uzzah is struck dead for touching the **holy** Ark of the Covenant. To be holy is to be special and set apart. Our God is a holy one, and His holiness demands respect. This led to a fear and respect of God, and then they did it the right way. David instructed the people and said, "No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the Lord chose them to carry the ark of the Lord and to minister before him forever." The Levites were the tribe that was set apart for the work of priestly duties.

After they brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem correctly, they celebrated! They had the horns, the trumpets, and the cymbals playing. They offered sacrifices as an act of worship. They even had cake! It was not the typical cake that we have, but date and raisin cake. They rejoiced and celebrated, just because the presence of the Lord was there! David even wrote a song of thanksgiving! He says, "Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples." God's presence is worthy of our celebration! Philippians 4 tells us to rejoice in the Lord always. We always have a reason to celebrate because of the faithful God we serve!

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	● God's presence is worthy of our celebration!
KEY STORIES:	● David becomes King ● Mighty warriors join David ● The Ark is moved improperly ● The Ark is moved rightly ● David's Song of Thanksgiving
KEY VERSES:	● 1 Chronicles 11:9 ○ "And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord Almighty was with him." ● 1 Chronicles 13:10 ○ "The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he had put his hand on the ark; so he died there before God." ● 1 Chronicles 15:13 ○ "It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the Lord our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of Him about how to do it in the prescribed way." ● 1 Chronicles 16:34 ○ "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."
WORDS TO KNOW:	● Lord of Armies ○ A name used for God meaning that He is the commander of all heavenly armies (angels) and the ruler over all powers. ● Ark of the Covenant ○ A special place that represents God's presence. ● Holy ○ To be special and set apart. Our God is a holy one, and His holiness demands respect

Reflection Questions

1.	What is the Ark of the Covenant?
2.	Why was Uzzah struck dead? What does this teach us about God?
3.	What did the Israelites do when the Ark of the Covenant returned?
4.	What is one way you can celebrate God this week?